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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	PRJ-14002-002
First Named Inventor	Frédéric FORTIN et al.
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	Pending: date of PCT/FR02/03103
Filing Date	Int. Filing date: 09/12/2002
Art Unit	Pending
Examiner Name	Pending

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS, THE INSERTION DEVICE THEREFOR AND THE METHOD
OF FITTING SAME**

(Title of the invention)

The specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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Déclaration et Pouvoirs pour Demande de Brevet

French Language Declaration

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PROTHESE DE NUCLEUS INTERVERTEBRAL, SON DISPOSITIF D'INSERTION, ET SON PROCEDE DE MISE EN PLACE

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NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS; THE INSERTION DEVICE THEREFOR AND THE METHOD OF FITTING SAME

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